

## Skills for Life

### Reading Tables

**Directions:** Study the table below and answer the questions on the lines provided.

MAJOR RELIGIONS TODAY		
Religion	Members Worldwide (2003)	Locations with the Majority of Membership
Islam	1,207,148,000	Asia, Africa
Buddhism	361,985,000	Asia, North America
Hinduism	819,689,000	Asia, Africa
Judaism	14,484,000	North America, Asia
Christianity	2,019,052,000	Europe, Latin America
Confucianism	6,313,000	Asia, Oceania

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1. What kind of information does this table provide?

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2. Suppose you want to locate information on how many members practice Buddhism in the world today. What column would you look in? What row would you look in? Using this information, how many members are there today?

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3. Which religion has the greatest number of members today? How many does it have?

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**Directions:** Now turn to the table on religions on page 127 of your textbook. Using that table and the table above, answer the following questions.

4. How does the information in the two tables differ?

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5. Which religion listed is the oldest religion? How many members does it have today?

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